

BEE DEMONSTRATION DRAWS BIG CROWD

PROF. SCULLEN, O. A. C. SPECIALIST PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

About 50 Bee Keepers Are Present; Auto Trip Over West End Given Visitors

A crowd of about 50 people gathered Saturday morning at the Skovbo yard near the Diversion Dam for the beekeepers field meeting; this is one of the beauty spots of this locality, and the meeting was held in the bed of the Umatilla river where the trees provide comfortable shade. County Agent, Fred Bennion, acted as chairman of the meeting, and Prof. Scullen, the bee specialist from the Oregon Agricultural college, was the principle speaker. His talk was largely on the value of the organization and numerous questions were asked by the better present.

Better Winter Protection Needed

The need of better winter protection for bees was emphasized; this year winter losses in many yards ran as high as 50 per cent and even more; no business can be expected to long stand up under such losses. Mr. Scullen suggested the establishment of a bee experiment station for this district under the direction of the college, and promised his support in securing this.

Mr. Skovbo Gives Talk

Mr. Skovbo, secretary of the local beekeepers' association in a short talk gave the history of this organization, started a little more than a year ago with eight members, it now has more than 30 members, owning it is estimated, more than 80 per cent of the bees in the west end of this county. Last year the association was instrumental in raising the price of honey 25 per cent above the price being paid at the time of organizing. At least \$2000 worth of supplies and containers will be purchased this year through the association with a saving to the members of from 15 to 25 per cent. At the meeting called for July 12 it is hoped to not only establish uniform prices for the honey crop this season, but also to attempt cooperative marketing of honey to dealers in car lots. All beekeepers are invited to attend this meeting.

Auto Trip is Enjoyed

In the afternoon five well filled autos left Hermiston for a ride that covered most of this project, the most important bee district in the state; the first stop was at the John Thom yard at the mouth of Butter Creek; from there the trip was continued up the creek for 15 miles; from here the party headed for Echo, and after traveling over the Furnish project and the Columbia district returned to Hermiston about seven o'clock in the evening; during this extensive ride many apiaries were visited, and details of the management of the different beekeepers noted by the visitors. A desire was expressed by many of the participants that such trips might be made an annual event for beemen of this locality, as much improving of management undoubtedly will result therefrom.

BUYER'S WEEK AT PORTLAND

One of the big features of the tenth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Merchants' association to be held in Portland, August 6 to 12, will be the most elaborate fashion show ever staged west of Chicago. Gowns, suits, finished furs and other finery on display will have a value approximately one-half million dollars, and fifty beautiful and shapely living models will participate.

"Four Horsemen" Draws Well

The "Four Horsemen of Apocalypse" which ran Saturday and Sunday night at the Play House was well attended. Manager Morfit has been fortunate in securing a run of good film plays and the patronage has increased noticeably in the past month.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 and the subject of the sermon will be "Christ and the Truth."

Evening services at 7:30 p. m. During the summer months the Epworth League and the regular evening service is combined, the two holding for about one hour and a quarter.

Regular services at Columbia, Sunday school at 2 and preaching service at 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and Mrs. N. J. Gillette of Echo spent the Fourth here.

Thursday morning the Stanfield constable sold a Monroe touring car held at the Neil & Barker garage for a repair bill. Neil & Barker bid it in.

ASSESSED VALUE IN COUNTY WILL BE LESS THIS YEAR

Slight Cut Given to Assessed Valuation of Wheat Lands

Umatilla county's assessed valuation will be slightly lower this year in the opinion of County Assessor R. O. Hawks who reports that all returns are in save the districts of Pilot Rock, Echo and two divisions at Milton, says the Pendleton Tribune. Last year the assessed valuation of Umatilla county was \$58,275,577.97, the highest it has ever been.

"We are doing little changing in the valuation this year with the exception of equalizing where there is evidence of change or error, and giving a slight cut in assessed valuation to the wheat lands which cannot be of so high a valuation as when wheat commanded a better price," Assessor Hawks declared.

"The low or high assessment is immaterial except for the determining of this county's share of the public utilities assessment, but what is material is that an equal assessment be made," said Hawks. "We could cut everybody's assessed valuation but that would not reduce taxation."

PROF. E. B. FITTS WRITES ABOUT HAY GROWING

Quality in hay and other roughage in the ration is important. Dairy products should be produced largely from the cheaper and more bulky feeds.

A light green color, the presence of leaves and other finer parts and a pleasing aroma are indications of quality and feeding value in hay. Whether buying hay, or producing your own see that it carries these qualities. It means milk and butterfat at less cost.

Of the crops grown in this county, hay ranks third in value, being exceeded only by corn and wheat. The annual yield is nearly 100,000,000 tons. The average quality is inferior, not more than 10 per cent grading as choice. This means an enormous loss in feeding value. Improper methods in curing are responsible for the greater part of this loss.

No crop grown requires more care in harvesting and none is more easily damaged by neglect. The stage of growth at which the crop is cut and the manner of curing are the prime factors in determining quality.

Early cut hay is best for dairy cattle. A common rule is to cut during the early bloom. This rule will vary somewhat with the different crops. Clover seems best when in full bloom or just after that stage. Velvet is the first pods are about half formed. Some hay plants rapidly lose palatability when nearing maturity. Rye grass, Johnson grass and mesquite are examples. These should be cut as soon as the heads appear. Late cutting means loss of protein, of palatability and of the finer and more valuable parts of the plant.

Do not mow when the crop is wet with rain or dew. This moisture will dry off much faster when the plant is standing. Cut in the morning as soon as the dew is off and rake in the afternoon, or cut in the afternoon and rake the next day as soon as the curing process is under way. The greater part of the curing should be done in windrow or cock. Get into stack or barn as soon as sufficiently cured.

In growing plants the roots are continually drawing water from the soil, which after having done its work is expelled through the leaves. Many tons of water thus passes through the leaves for each ton of hay produced. When the plant is cut the leaves continue to draw moisture from the stems and throw it off into the air. Therefore, the leaves should not be allowed to shrivel in the sun, as curing is thus retarded and leaves broken off and lost. Curving in windrow or cock provides partial shade for the leaves and allows them to continue their work.

Hay caps often save serious losses. They are made from unbleached muslin one yard square. The corners may be weighted or fastened with wooden pins stuck into the hay.

A cap will adequately protect a cock containing 150 to 200 pounds of hay and may easily save its cost in a single storm.

R. C. CHALLIS MOVING AWAY

R. C. Challis will hold an auction sale at his home on Gladys avenue Saturday afternoon and expects to leave next week for The Dalles where he will be employed. Mr. Challis was one of the pioneer meat market men of Hermiston disposing of his interest in the Hermiston Meat Market about 3 years ago when he engaged in farming and later opened the Market on the west side now owned by J. Lee Parker.

Mrs. C. C. Duffey and her son Jarvis are leaving this week for a visit at their former home in Montana. They are making the trip by auto and expect to be gone several weeks.

PICNICS ARE BIG FOURTH ATTRACTIONS

RESERVOIR, COLUMBIA AND UMATILLA DRAW LARGE CROWDS

Many Journey Even Farther for Celebrations; No Accidents Are Reported

Among the many out of town Fourth celebrations attended by local people was one held at the home of P. K. Payne, father of Caspar Payne, above Pine City and 35 miles distant from here. Bathing, ice cream and all that goes with a celebration were enjoyed. The following with their families made the trip: I. C. Cox, H. L. Payne, E. C. Payne, W. H. Ogden, G. A. Lawler, W. D. Gordon, J. K. Mumma and Messrs. Tahor Haynes and Howard, the latter of Irrigon. Those present from Pine City were: Mr. Wheeler and family, W. E. Wigglesworth and family and Mrs. Finley.

A large community gathering was held along the Umatilla river near the Electric Light Plant to celebrate the Fourth of July. The following and their families made up the party: M. Miller, Frank Silver, L. M. Smith, R. B. Spencer, A. Buhmann, C. P. Adams, A. W. Agnew, C. H. Skinner, F. M. Whitney, Ray Cook, Chas. Kiser, Frank Ralph. Tables were set under large trees near the river on which ice cream, cakes, salads and everything that goes with a picnic dinner was served. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant swim in the cool water of the Umatilla river, and the day was one to be remembered by all.

About 100 or more people from Hermiston and the surrounding project, with their picnic lunches, spent an enjoyable Fourth at the Cold Springs Reservoir. Swimming and diving was the main attraction of the day, although many took part in the game of horseshoe. The bank of the reservoir furnished a delightful sandy beach for everyone.

Those who motored to Bingham Springs to spend the Fourth were: C. S. McNaught and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McKeen who left here Sunday, and returned Tuesday evening; Peere Bokish, L. A. Hunt, Ross Newport and families and K. E. Erickson left Tuesday morning and returned the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Sapper and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Lochrie and L. E. Putman spent a delightful Fourth in the Blue Mountains near Cabbage Hill.

FRANZ-SCOTT WEDDING THURS.

Miss Ruth Scott and George Franz were united in marriage by Rev. Wann Thursday evening at five o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Scott. Just the immediate family were present for the ceremony. Many gifts were received of which the Ladies Aid and the Study club of the Methodist church and the Rebekah lodge presented silverware as a remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Franz left yesterday for Daniel, Wyoming, where they will make their future home.

E. E. Shaw sold a team to Tom Moore Wednesday of last week.

MONDAY IS THE HOTTEST DAY IN THE PAST THREE YEARS

Temperature Was Equalled in 1908 and 1919, and Surpassed in 1911

Hermiston and all surrounding towns are suffering from the intense heat this week. The mercury reached its highest here Monday when it registered 108 at the Reclamation office. This temperature was equalled in 1908 and 1919, and only once surpassed in 1911 when 110 was registered. There has been a slight decrease in the temperature since Monday, the thermometer registered 98 yesterday, but no decided relief from heat is yet in sight.

It will be of interest to the people of Hermiston to know that the highest total temperature for the month of June for the past 15 years was recorded last month.

Other cities in different parts of Oregon and Washington are also suffering from the hot weather. Portland's hottest day was Sunday when 95 was reached, Monday in Pendleton it was 109 and in Walla Walla it was 107.

HERMISTON MEN ASK COUNTY FAIR FUND

No Action Taken by County Court Until Fair Board Holds Organization Meet

Officials and directors of the Hermiston Hog and Dairy show are out after \$1200 of the county fair funds as their share of the money the county will have to distribute this year, and they made known their wants here today when a delegation of them visited the county court.

No action was taken by the county court today, and none will be taken until the fair board organizes and makes a recommendation to the court. It was stated this morning by Commissioners R. E. Bean and G. L. Dunning who heard the requests George Root, a member of the county fair board, indicated that the board probably will hold a meeting within a few days and make a recommendation.

The fair money available for distribution this year amounts to \$2,509.12. The Hermiston show officials want about half of this amount. They feel that they are entitled to the share which the Northwest Grain and Hay show secured last year.

"We have an investment of about \$4000 in building and land, and the business men and farmers have been going down into their pockets for \$700 to \$1500 each year," H. T. Frasier declared today. "We figure that the rich wheat farmers in whose interest the Northwest Grain and Hay Show is put on can stand an assessment for their show better than we smaller farmers down in the west end can stand to dig up. This is the reason we are asking for \$1200."

It is considered probable that the county court will again be asked to divide the funds three ways with the west end fair, the east end apple show and the grain and hay show here, all participating in the division of funds. George Strohm is president of the west end show and C. M. Jackson is secretary. Among the other directors who were here today are H. M. Sommerer, H. T. Frasier, W. A. Ford and A. W. Agnew. L. P. Praker and B. J. Shaw also accompanied the delegation on their visit.

Miss Geneva Gord who was here to attend the wedding of her cousin, Leda Gould, returned to Baker City Monday to continue her work as a nurse in the Baker hospital.

ECHO WINS IRRIGATION LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

GAME DEVELOPS A PITCHERS' BATTLE

Winners Are Now Seeking Game With Pendleton For County Championship

Echo and Umatilla played for the championship for the Irrigation league Sunday on the local field, which closed the baseball season. It proved to be a good game and Echo won the championship of the league, the score was nine to two.

A large crowd attended the game in spite of the hot weather. The game went quite smoothly except for a controversy over the use of the "spit ball," which finally the umpire barred from the game. From the start it was evident that the game would be a pitchers battle. Three Umatilla batsmen fanned in the first inning while one drew a walk. Markham, the first up for Echo, was fanned by the first three balls pitched by Webb. Echo scored two runs in the second on a walk, an error and two hits. Neither team scored in the third and fourth, only six men from each team facing the pitchers.

Fifth inning a hit and two errors placed Blakely on third, he scored on Thorne's fly to center field. Schwartz taking the throw from center fielder Markham and catching L. Markham at third base for a double play.

Spinning Gets Homer
Sixth inning, Spinning hits home run over the left field wall and evened up the score.

Echo scored five runs on as many hits. C. Hoskins fanned, Esselstyn singled, stole second and went to third on a bad throw by Thorne. King hit a hard drive to center field for the second out, Umatilla had a good chance to retire Echo as Carroll hit a high foul, but three men tried to make the catch and the ball dropped between them. Echo started a batting rally, Carroll singled, scoring Esselstyn; Stanfield singled, Schwartz safe on an error, filling the bases, F. Hoskins singled, scoring Carroll and Stanfield, Pickett singled scoring Schwartz and Hoskins. Markham flited out to left field.

The score:

Umatilla	
AB	R H
Huey, rf.	3 0 0
Jones, 2b.	4 0 0
Spinning, ss.	4 1 2
Harmon, lf.	4 0 0
Blakely, 3b.	4 1 1
Markham, 1b.	4 0 0
Paris, cf.	4 0 0
Thorne, c.	3 0 0
Webb, p.	2 0 0
Total	32 2 3

Echo	
AB	R H
Markham, cf.	5 0 1
C. Hoskins, c.	5 0 1
Esselstyn, 2b.	4 2 1
King, 3b.	3 0 0
Carroll, ss.	3 2 1
Stanfield, lf.	3 1 1
Schwartz, p.	4 2 1
F. Hoskins, 1b.	4 1 1
Pickett, rf.	4 1 3
Total	35 9 10

Col. Emmett Calahan of Boardman made a business trip to this city last Wednesday.

OIL OPERATIONS DISCONTINUED UNLESS MORE LEASES SECURED

C. O. Bachelier, the Oil Man, Left Today For Portland; He May Not Return For Some Time

C. O. Bachelier, the oil man, left this morning for Portland, where his family is living at present. He may not return.

He is in company with E. P. Dodd, spent nearly four weeks in Hermiston in an endeavor to secure leases but without favorable results. He asked for leases on 10,000 acres but has so far received leases on less than half the amount. Very few volunteered to join in the movement and many leases required much time and effort. The land owners seemed to want to speculate on his desire to drill for oil, and were unwilling to assist in the movement that would make a test of the Hermiston basin.

During the time he was here he went to Spokane and made a contract for a diamond drill to begin work in August provisional to securing leases, but that has been postponed until future developments. He asked only that the leases be placed in escrow with the First National Bank here until he commenced drilling and that the leases contained a clause requiring him to continue drilling with due diligence or they would be void. No assistance otherwise the matter has been left temporarily with Mr. Dodd, and unless there is a better response to the movement Mr. Bachelier will return to Montana.

TWO FAMOUS VILLAINS IN "THE GILDED LILY"

Charles Gerard and Lowell Sherman Seen in Mac Murray's Support

Two of the best known villains in motion pictures, Charles Gerard and Lowell Sherman, appear together for the first time in a motion picture in the Robert Z. Leonard production of "The Gilded Lily," starring Mae Murray, which will be shown at the Play House next Sunday.

Because of their wide recognition as villains, film fans will doubtless be greatly puzzled as to which is the guilty one in this picture. But the story has been given such a clever twist that they will find still greater surprises in store for them.

Both men have done remarkable work in pictures. Mr. Gerard scoring sensationally in "The Hun Within," "The New Moon," "The Teeth of the Tiger" and "The World and His Wife," while Mr. Sherman provoked the hives of audiences all over the country for his fiendish cruelties to Lillian Gish in "Way Down East."

Miss Murray with her blonde beauty and sunny disposition, would serve well as the motive for any villainous work in picture. There are many opportunities for rough work in the Cafe Royale, a popular New York club, where she, as Lillian Drake, is hostess. Lowell Sherman is the leading man.

Also Mack Sennett Comedy.

BIG RUSSIAN SCENES IN "THE GREAT MOMENT" FLAWLESS

Director of Gloria Swanson's New Picture Aided by Old Imperial Officer

The genuineness of the scenes depicting a Russian ball in "The Great Moment," Gloria Swanson's first Paramount starring picture, and the accuracy of detail, such as in the settings costuming of the players, and investiture were greatly enhanced by the aid of Michael Kustoff, an ex-staff captain of the Imperial Russian army, who provided director Sam Wood much valuable data regarding such an affair, besides loaning several of his military uniforms, trappings and weapons, in which he had seen actual service in Russia and Siberia.

All who see this new Paramount picture at the Play House next Saturday can rest assured that the Russian episodes are perfect and true to life in every detail. Mr. Kustoff has a rather interesting record. When the war broke out in 1914, although then only sixteen years old, he volunteered and soon afterward began training at a military school. He was commissioned third lieutenant. Soon afterward he was sent to the trenches and when the Russian Revolution broke out he served in the Royal Army against the Bolsheviks as staff captain, commanding a battery of artillery in Siberia. Coming to the United States, he served fourteen months in the U. S. Army aviation service.

The new picture is an adaptation of an original story written especially for Miss Swanson by Elinor Glyn, the noted English authoress. Milton Sills is the leading man.

A Paramount Magazine will also be shown.

Father Butler left Sunday for his old home in Ireland, where he will be gone for several months. He has been priest in the local Catholic church for many years.

POTATO GROWERS START SHIPMENTS

CAR LOAD WILL GO OUT DAILY FROM HERE

Quality is Excellent and Expected to Top the Market; All Stock Will Be Graded

The Hermiston Potato Growers association started their first shipment of new spuds Wednesday by sending out 100 lugs by local freight. Hermiston grown potatoes, however, have been on the local market for two weeks past.

Good Yield Reported

County Agent Bennion was here last Saturday attending the bee demonstration and at that time went over a part of the acreage here that is in spuds. He reports the yield as good and the condition of the crop varying. He brought in some excellent samples from the Winslow ranch.

It is expected that Hermiston potatoes will top the market. A Boggs potato grader has been installed near the shipping point and all potatoes will go over the grader before being put in the lug boxes for loading. Potatoes will be delivered at the freight yards from the growers as they run in the field and the machine will size them up.

Refrigerator cars have been ordered for each day, Sunday excepted, beginning Friday and loading at this rate will continue until the supply is exhausted.

Price Not as High as Last Year

It is thought that the potato crop will provide an in-between crop which can be worked up to a paying proposition as it will come in between the cuttings of alfalfa and can be handled to good advantage. Likewise the season being early they will command a better price than the late potatoes. The market price for potatoes is not quite as high as last year's but taking one year with another it is thought to be a profitable crop.

HORSE HEAVEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT RATIFIED CONTRACT

By vote of 221 to 5 the Horse Heaven irrigation district on Saturday, June 10, formerly adopted the \$32,000,000 bond issue and ratified the contract heretofore entered into with Howard Amon for the construction of the irrigation system.

The main canal will be 112 miles long and there will be 96 miles of concrete lined canal, 8 miles of tunnel and 9 miles of siphons. There will be 5 waste ways and several storage reservoirs. At one place on Glade creek a drop of 500 feet in the canal will produce a maximum of 100,000 horsepower electrical energy.

Assurance has been given by Mr. Amon and by representatives of bond houses that as soon as the bond issue has been voted and confirmed by the superior court the entire bond issue will be underwritten and funds for construction will be immediately available. The contract with Mr. Amon requires that work shall start within 60 days after the bonds have been validated and must be completed by March, 1925.

Under the terms of the bond issue no payment on the principal will fall due during the first 10 years and no payment on interest for the first 3 years. The bonds draw 6 per cent interest which must be paid annually after the third year. Beginning with the tenth year the bonds will be retired in small annual installments which will gradually increase until at the end of 30 years the annual payment will amount to approximately \$10 per acre. Under these terms it will be possible to develop an orchard into full bearing before the farmers under this project will be required to make any substantial payment on the bonds.

K. OF P. CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT LA GRANDE

With the return from Portland, recently of Mr. William Miller, where he consulted with the Grand Chancellor, Domain of Oregon, K. of P., the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Domain of Oregon the Secretary of Portland Temple D. O. K. K. and the President of the Portland Northwest association of D. O. K. K. Temples, local committees in charge of the Second Annual Convention to be held in La Grande September 1st and 2nd have sprung up on arrangements. Prize moneys for drill competitions and floats have been definitely fixed. The cash prizes will be distributed as follows:

Band: First prize, \$200; Second prize, \$150.
Drill Team: First prize, \$150; Second prize, \$100.
Drum Corps: First Prize, \$100; Second prize, \$50.
Floats: Best K. of P. Float, \$50; Best Dokie Float, \$50.

His Credentials

